



# Press Release

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Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Patrick Dudley worked deep inside the fishing vessel *McKinley's* bilge today, about 125 miles southeast of Nantucket, Mass., after the boat had a blown out gasket. The Coast Guard made a replacement gasket and repaired the boat. (U.S. Coast Guard photo/Luke Pinneo)

## Coast Guard tows, helps repair disabled fishing vessel ahead of storm

**BOSTON** - As a New England storm approaches, the Coast Guard towed and helped repair a disabled fishing vessel with six people aboard about 125 miles southeast of Nantucket, Mass.

The *McKinley*, a 94-foot lobster boat from Fall River, Mass., contacted Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England around 10:20 p.m., Sunday after experiencing engine failure, and requested assistance due to the upcoming storm.

A crew from the Coast Guard Cutter *Tahoma* boarded the vessel to assist the *McKinley's* crew repair their engine. In the meantime, *Tahoma* began towing the vessel toward Nomans Island, Mass.

After making repairs and testing the engine, the *Tahoma* released the *McKinley* from the tow and is now escorting the vessel to Nomans Island.

The Coast Guard crew temporarily aboard the *Tahoma* is from the Coast Guard Cutter *Seneca*, which is currently undergoing routine maintenance.

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